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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIG. 3 and FIG. 4. The first such sheet replaces the original sheet which contained FIG. 3 and which corrects the spelling of "AUTOMATIC". The second sheet replaces the original sheet which contained FIG. 4 and which adds language to the steps S82, S84 and S85 so that they read "DITHERING MAIN IMAGE", "DITHERING BACKGROUND IMAGE" and "SYNTHESIZE BACKGROUND AND FOREGROUND IMAGES".

Attachment: Replacement Sheets  
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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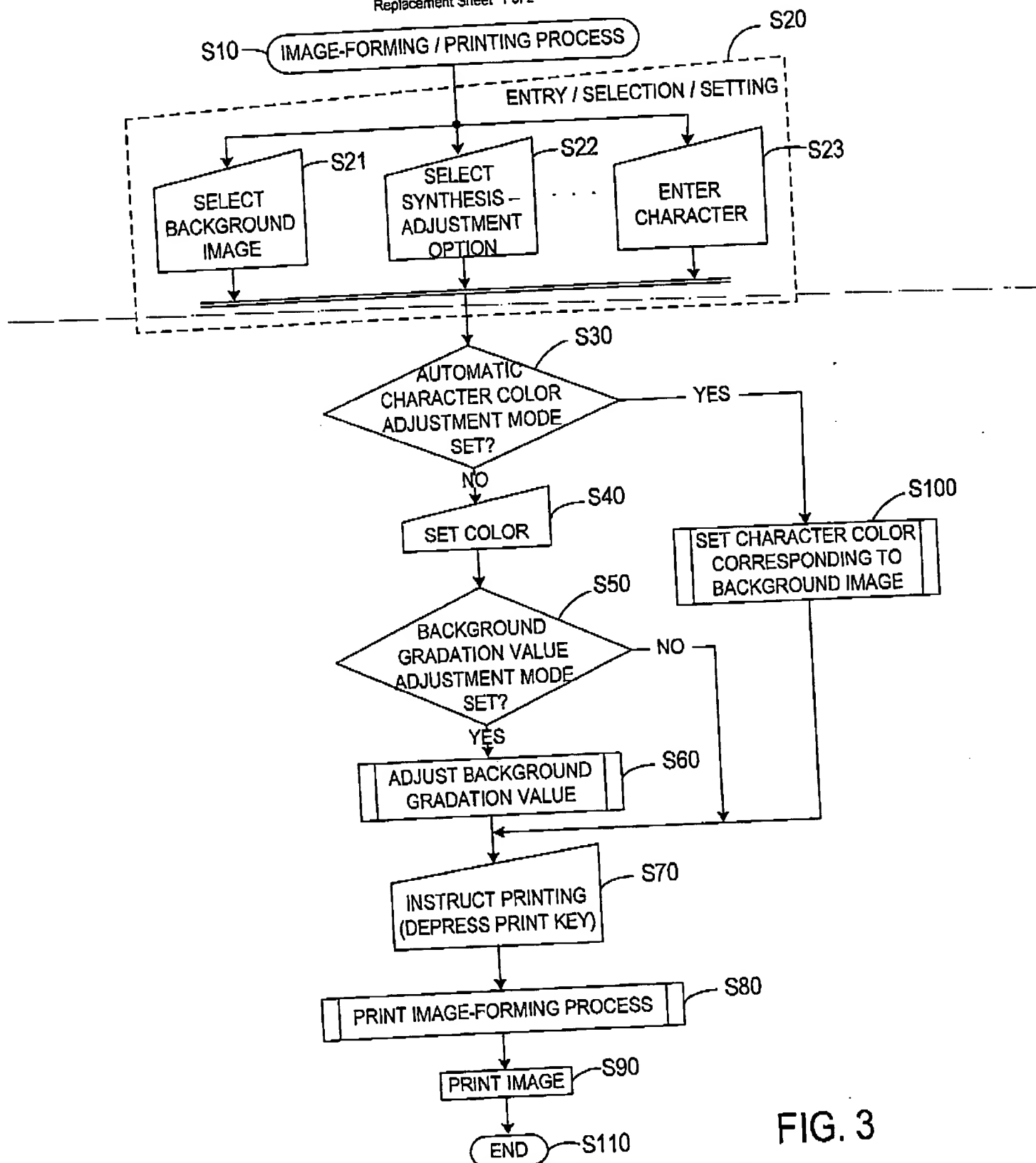


FIG. 3

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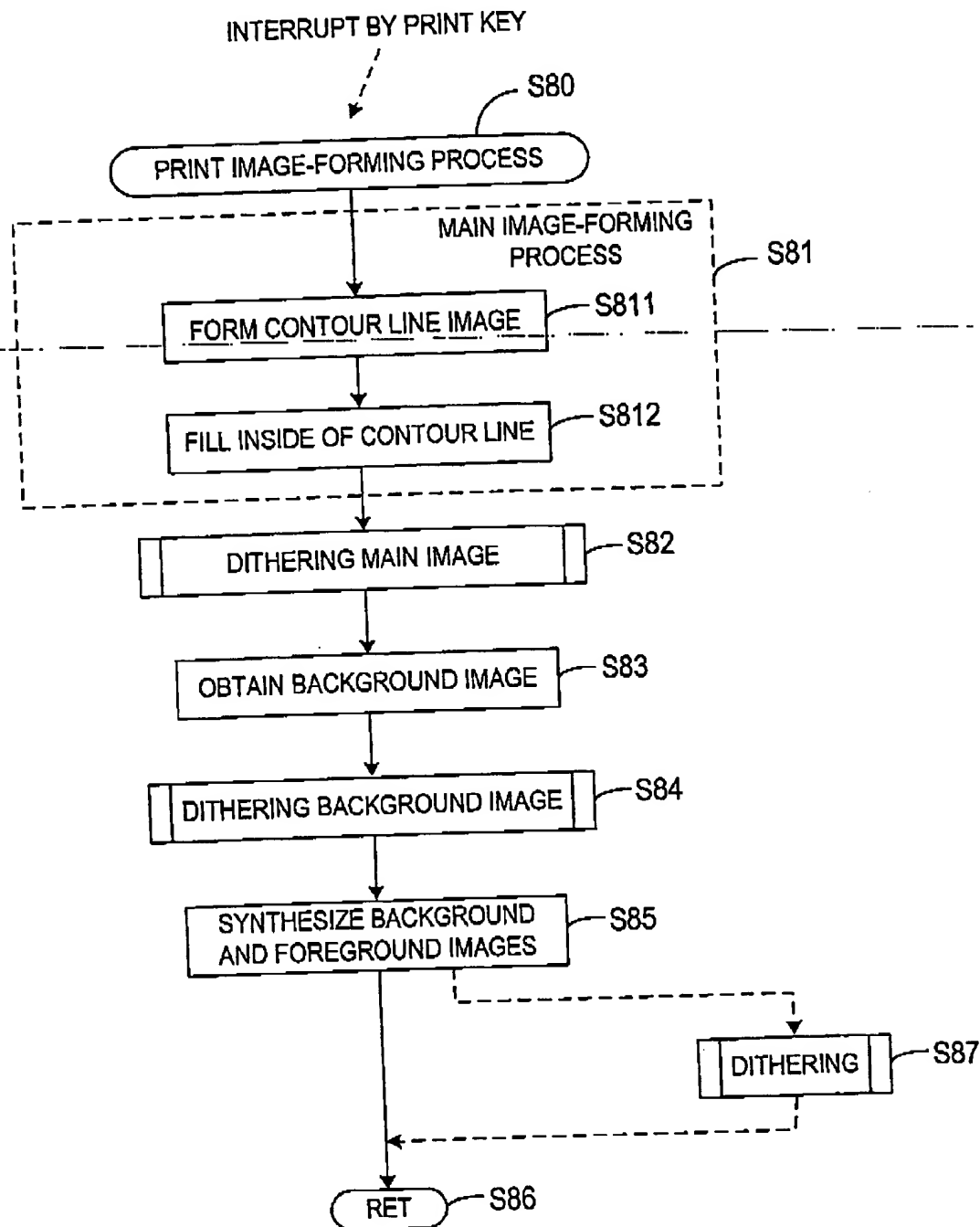


FIG. 4